

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan Peishkar): Passes are issued by the Village Officers to take such of the things as are necessary for agricultural implements.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam): Is there any record about these things?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan Peishkar): Passes are issued. That is the record.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (Oorakam): Have the Government received any complaint that agriculturists are not getting the benefit of the forests such as they should?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan Peishkar): No. I have not received any complaint till this moment.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (Chittur-Tattamangalam): In that place are there woods of girth of more than 2 or 3 feet?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan Peishkar): There are. They are not timber. But these are trees grown there.

VILLAGE COURT—CHETTUPUZHA

221. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty (Commerce and Industry): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- where is the Chettupuzha Village Court located;
- who is the owner of the building in which the court is held;
- who is the Senior Judge of the Court;
- is there any relationship between the owner of the building and the Senior Judge of the court?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (Minister for Rural Development):

- In Arimpur in Parakad Village which is more or less the central place of the court.
- Mr. Palayur Ouseph Porinchu of Arimpur.
- Mr. Palayur Antony Devassy.
- Yes; the owner of the building is the nephew of the Senior Judge.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഒ. തോമക്കുട്ടി: ഏതെല്ലാം വില്ലേജുകൊണ്ട് ഈ വില്ലേജ് കോടതിയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: അഞ്ചാറു വില്ലേജുകൾ കൂടിയതാണ്. അതു ഏതാണെന്ന് ഇപ്പോൾ നല്ല ഓർമ്മയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഏതെല്ലാം പഞ്ചായത്തുകളാണ് ഇതിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്നത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: അതു ഇപ്പോൾ കൃപ്തമായി പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഒ. തോമക്കുട്ടി: ഇതിന് ചേരപ്പുഴ വില്ലേജ് കോട് എന്ന പേരിട്ടു വാൻ എന്താണ് കാരണം?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: ചേരപ്പുഴ ഒരു പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട സ്ഥലമായതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ആ പേരിട്ടത്.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty (Commerce and Industry): May I know whether the name of that Village Court be changed?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: പേരു വേണമെങ്കിൽ അതുകൂടി വില്ലേജ് കോട് എന്നാക്കി മാറ്റാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അതിനേക്കാൾ നല്ലത് അയ്യന്തോൾ വില്ലേജ് കോട് എന്നാക്കുകയല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: ചേരപ്പുഴ വില്ലേജാണ് അവിടെ പ്രധാനമായിട്ടുള്ളത്.

VILLAGE COURT JUDGE, NARAKKAL—DISPOSAL OF INTERESTED CASES

222. Mr. M. I. Paul (Narakkal): Will Government be pleased to state.—

- whether Mr. Parakkal Ittyachan Vareed is one of the Judges in the Narakkal Village Court;
- whether the Government are aware that the said Mr. Vareed is the Agent or the Manager of the Catholic Alliance Bank, Narakkal;
- the exact numbers of cases filed in the said Village Court by the said Bank and in how many cases including executions, the said Mr. Vareed has sat in judgment of the same?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Mr. Vareed is the Manager of the Bank.
- (c) From 15th Medam 1118 to 23rd November 1945 only two cases have been filed by the said Bank. One is stayed under the Soldiers' Litigation Act. The other case has been disposed of as ex-parte in his bench.

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*): My question is to know the number of cases including executions but instead the number of cases is shown here. What is the reason in not showing the number of executions?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): Only two cases have been disposed of by him. One of them is stayed and the other is disposed of.

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*): I want to know the exact number of executions in which he has sat as Judge.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Ernakulam*): Even if it is an ex-parte case, is it not improper that he should deal with that case?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is very doubtful whether the ex-parte disposal is a trial of the suit. As a matter of fact I was a Judge for a long time and when this matter came up I have my own doubts whether an ex-parte disposal is a trial of the suit. If that was the doubt felt by me I am sure that that gentleman must have thought that exparte disposal is not a trial of the suit.

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*): May I know whether it is not in execution that a Judge could tease parties more?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): No Judge is expected to tease the parties. As a matter of fact, the question refer only to two cases.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan (*Oorakam*): Including executions?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Ernakulam*): May I know whether there was any cause for the the Hon'ble Minister here, who was a big lawyer, to make that statement that when an ex-parte case comes up for decision, there may be occasion when the case may be dismissed even when there is no contest. There may be cases of dismissal when the pronote is unstamped or improperly stamped on account of the Limitation Act. In such cases it is the duty of the Court even when there is no contest to dismiss the suit. Then again when cases come up for being stayed under the Soldiers' Litigation Act it is always a difficult question. For all these reasons is it not proper that the Hon'ble Minister gives the direction. I am not referring to past things.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): The direction has been given that they cannot try suit hereafter.

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*): May I know whether it is the practice of the Government to conduct periodical inspections of the Court?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*): Inspections are conducted.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS—GOVERNMENT PRESS

223. **Mr. P. A. Muhammed Ashrof** (*Cranganur*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the public holidays for Meeladi Nabi and Muharram are available to the employees of the Government Press;

(b) what are the reasons for denying those holidays to the employees of the Government Press if the answer to (a) is in the negative?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) No.

(b) The Government Press is worked on a commercial basis and in the interest of the department the number of holidays other than Sundays and extraordinary holidays has been restricted to a maximum of 19 days which includes two Muslim holidays. The Muslim employee of the Press are also allowed two hours interval on Friday to go to mosque to say their prayers.